

Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting
San Jose City Hall Wing, room 118
August 19, 2009

6:35 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks

- Don Gagliardi welcomed everyone and led attendee introductions.

6:38 pm- Agenda Item II- Councilmember Liccardo Announcements

- D3 picnic and pool party at Biebrach Park- Sat. August. 22, noon-3pm
- People Acting in Community Together (PACT) are interested in partnering with the NAG to bring the length of police rotations to City's attention.
- Bail Bond issue in the Hyde Park, Vendome and Rosemary Gardens neighborhood is still ongoing. Currently in a 45 day moratorium. Next council meeting- September 15.
- Safeway opening next week. Location is below the 88 building, with 100 dedicated parking spaces.
- Think about the possibilities of the NAG roundtable. Mentoring program time commitments are difficult to meet, but many other possibilities to make a difference exist. Suggestions: neighborhood led solutions, graffiti/litter events, community center programs, soccer programs for kids, park strip planting events.

6:45 pm- Agenda Item III- Open Forum & Announcements

- Joan-East Carnegie Library grand re-opening August 29 at 11am
- Beth- Bark in the Park, September 19 at William St Park. Volunteers needed.
- Tina- Cirque du Soleil meeting August 25 at 6:30pm at City Hall to discuss plan for parking, etc.
- Tina- Diridon master plan and art meeting September 12, time TBD
- Tina- Ryland Pool Gala September 26
- Tina- Contact regarding updates for parks and trails working group
- Jonathon- Bike plan, public comments invited till August 27. For a bike/ped update see link from San Jose City website.
- Rita- Spartan/Keyes/Martha Gardens Art in the Park at Bestor Park
- Paul- Need traffic calming at Sherman St stoplight
- William- Thank you to Councilmember Liccardo's office for support of the Japantown neighborhood clean-up.
- Dmitri- Dumpster provided with City support went well.

7:00 pm- Agenda Item IV- Traffic Calming Update

- Fred Buzo provided a handout of the traffic calming working list.
- Not yet addressed: Spartan/Keyes item
- Ongoing: 4th St/San Fernando speeding issue

- Pending: Ann Darling school area traffic study. Safety in school areas has been given priority from the DOT.

7:07 pm- Agenda Item V- Neighborhood Roundtable

Brainstorm:

- Joan- Graffiti clean-up project is encouraging. Many neighbors are participating and it's been a good experience.
- Paul- Need to have a citywide effort to evaluate the budget.
- Councilmember Liccardo- \$75 million of redevelopment dollars are going to the state over the next 2 years and \$20 million of city funds are going to the state. State must repay city funds within 3 years. San Jose expects a \$90 million budget deficit next year.
- Beth- Reminder that the Neighborhoods Commission can identify priorities and services and make resolutions.
- Joan- Garbage collection problems: new company leaves carts broken, upended and/or strewn in the street.
- Paul- Suggests NAG get "ahead of curve" to decide priorities before budget process begins.
- Beth- Concern over more abandoned shopping carts than usual. Can call Mi Pueblo to pick up.
- Paul- Police Officers Association rep suggested they had solutions, have we heard what they are?
- Councilmember Liccardo- Anyone interested in a tax/budget committee?
- Bob- Need a timeline to submit budget suggestions. DON: 12/09
- Sami- Call 408-5353500 for shopping cart pick-up. Also request that speakers are allowed to finish before moving on.
- Patti- Any suggestions for inconsiderate neighbors and/or absentee landlords? BETH: Safe Sun has successful landlord program.
- Patti- Reporting success with the code enforcement office with gang house problem. Questions on budget and government waste. COUNCILMEMBER LICCARDO: please submit list of waste items
- Nancy- Traffic Barricades at 13th/San Fernando are not effective.
- Joan- Problems with barricades at Market/Almaden too.

7:55 pm- Agenda Item VI- Final Announcements and Review Action Items

- Reviewed items covered, discussions will continue at next meeting.

8:00 pm- Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 6:30-8:00 pm, City Hall meeting room 118-119